

Arizona Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor Association



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING April 12, 2021

Meeting Location - Club SRP Farmland

Board meeting was called to order by Jerry Geiger at 5:57 pm. The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Phil Frandsen.

ROLL CALL: Members Present: Jerry Geiger, Tom Trainor, Jason Muller, Mark Sion, Ed Savage, Dean Hinz and Lyle Clark

MINUTES OF March 15, 2021 MEETING: Minutes were reviewed.

Motion by Mark to approve. Seconded by Ed. Motion Carried

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasure report was presented by Tom. We had a handful of membership renewals come in from online totaling \$450.00. Additional Sahuaro Ranch Park show expenses got paid in the amount of \$1,421.08 for portable toilets, straw and safety items. The club is still waiting for the Liberty GMC donation check for \$1500, our show expenses should be almost covered leaving little to no out-of-pocket costs for hosting the show. The club was able to sell the remaining show bales (62) for \$7.50/bale to Ritchie. He is going to credit his invoice for this for his services on the fields.

The main checking account balance as of March 13, 2021 was \$38,879.48

The savings account balance as of March 13, 2021 was \$63,681.71

The Case account balance as of March 13, 2021 was \$10,185.55

Motion by Jason to approve. Seconded by Ed. Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS AND STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FARMLAND: • Ed reported that the first cutting of hay has been completed. We had a total of 147 bales that were pre-sold to the dairy. Ed also reported that when Red sprayed 2 4 D chemical on the oats two weeks ago in the northeast border and on some weeds around the farm, it appears that the chemical vaporized and drifted into the corn and alfalfa stunting the growth. Ed asked Red what dosage he used and he confirmed it was about 42 ounces of chemical to 22 gallons of water. Ed said that mixture is 4X the amount it should have been causing it to be an extremely hot dose of chemical that was applied. Ed presented some corn samples of

where the spray drifted and how it affected the corn and its growth in the areas it spread. Ed is going to keep an eye on the corn and see if he can get it to come back with lots of irrigation and UN32. If it does not respond and take off, the club may have to disc under the north border of the east field. Since it is too late to come back with corn, we may have to put in sudan grass in that border. There are areas of the alfalfa field that also appear under stress from the chemical drift. Ed will monitor it as well in the next 30 days to see how it responds to irrigation. Moving forward, ANY chemicals that get sprayed out at the farm need to be pre-approved by Ed. He is the club's point of contact on our chemical permit and is responsible for storage and application of all chemicals.

Red reported that the Northeast border still has the oats growing. They have gotten it watered and hope to have something able to be cut and baled. The northwest border is still open for tillage at anytime from any club members. So, if you have an implement that you want to test out under load, use the northwest border.

AHAA • Phil reported that the AHAA completed their renewal which is good for another year. Additionally, they took in a donation of a Massy Harris Pony tractor from a club member. It is a project tractor in a non-running order that needs to be put back together. It would make a great restoration project for a club member. Please contact Phil if interested in purchasing the tractor.

COMMUNICATIONS/WEBSITE • Dean reported that the email regarding the spring meeting was sent out. As of the board meeting, we had 8 confirmed members that will be in attendance. He will send out additional emails as the time gets closer to get a head count for food.

The club's voicemail is up and running for the main number. Whoever is going to be monitoring this voice mail box will need the app to access and listen to/change/modify the voicemail box.

A newsletter from the club president will go out after the spring meeting once the new board is elected and seated.

We still have a majority of our club members who don't open up and read the emails that are sent out, which is concerning. The "open rate" for membership wide emails is running about 45-50%. This means that a member that has provided an email to the club, only about 45-50% of the emails sent ever get opened when sent. The direction of the club is to go to more of an electronic means of communication versus mail to save on money and resources. There was lots of discussion around how we can achieve higher "open rate" with the membership and there will be additional discussion in the months to come on how to do this.

Additionally, our membership renewal campaign is struggling due to the above-mentioned issue of "open rate" of the email communications. Dean is going to scrub the membership list of current members and then for those that have not paid and have been emailed, he will work with Jerry on putting together a postcard to be sent out to members to collect their dues. The postcard will cost the club money to print and mail but hopefully it helps get members caught up with their dues. Currently we have about 120 past due members for 2021. At \$25/membership, that translates to \$3,000. Hopefully in the next couple of weeks the postcard can be generated and sent out. We will also have a membership table at the spring meeting to also catch members to get caught up with membership renewal.

STEAM ENGINE • No update

BOARD OF DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

- We have 4 board member positions that are coming to an end of their term at the end of April. 3 of the 4 are eligible for re-election (2 years on the board completed) – Jerry, Ed, Dean (has confirmed he is not seeking re-election) and 1 not eligible (4 years on the board) – Tom. Please consider donating your time on the board. Please contact any of the current board members if you are interested in running for a position to help lead and direct the club. New elections will be held at the annual spring meeting.

CLUB EVENTS:

- **SAHUARO RANCH PARK and APACHE JUNCTION SHOWS:** No Update
- **Schnepf Farms** – Phil reported that Schnepf Farms has extended their 80th annual show through end of May. So, if there is any club member that wants to bring out an engine or tractor to display, come on out and enjoy a day at Schnepf Farms!
- **City of Queen Creek's Horseshoe Park and Equestrian Center** – Tim will contact Queen Creek to see if they are still interested in inviting us out for a show this fall.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The board discussed in bringing in some ¼" minus granite and put under the shade canopy at the farm to keep the dust down during meetings and when the club hosts events that we serve food. Jerry is going to coordinate getting a time nailed down to get this project completed before the spring meeting. He will send out a note to see who is available to help out getting the task completed. The board put it to vote to spend money on this project.

Motion by Tom to approve. Seconded by Ed. Motion Carried

- Jerry indicated that we will need to be looking for a place to house the Big Engine within the next year. Will be discussed further at the next couple of board meetings on potential places and who the caretaker will be.
- It was brought to the board's attention that the scale deck at Sahuaro Ranch Park is in need of repair/replacement. At the last show, narrow front tractors couldn't safely drive on the scale deck because of the rotten boards. Rex Condi will be contacted to see if he is able to help cut to size the decking that we will need.
- Future Tractor Drive/pulls – Now that COVID rates are going down and vaccinations are readily available for those that want them, more opportunities are available to the club for events. We have been approached by various organizations to do something. Ed is going to take the lead on working on getting something set up in the East valley for a tractor drive/pull event. Ed will work on some potential places/events that we can participate in yet this spring and fall/winter. A couple of places are Westgate Entertainment Center and Pleasant Harbor at Lake Pleasant that have reached out to us.

- ***The annual spring meeting will be held at the club farmland on Saturday, May 1st. Come around 5pm and dinner will be served at 5:30pm. This meeting will be catered and a meeting RSVP email has gone out to the membership to see who is interested in attending so we can see how much food to order. The board of directors meeting will be held after dinner to elect new members to the board.***

ADJOURNMENT:

Ed made a motion and Mark seconded to adjourn at 7:20 pm. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 1, 2021 after the Spring Kickoff Meeting dinner at the club's farmland off of 87th Avenue between Olive and Northern Avenues.